



# COVID-19 BIVALENT BOOSTER SAFETY AND VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

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1. Discuss safety studies for COVID-19 bivalent vaccines
2. Describe updated COVID-19 bivalent vaccine schedule
3. Identify ways to address COVID-19 bivalent vaccine administration errors

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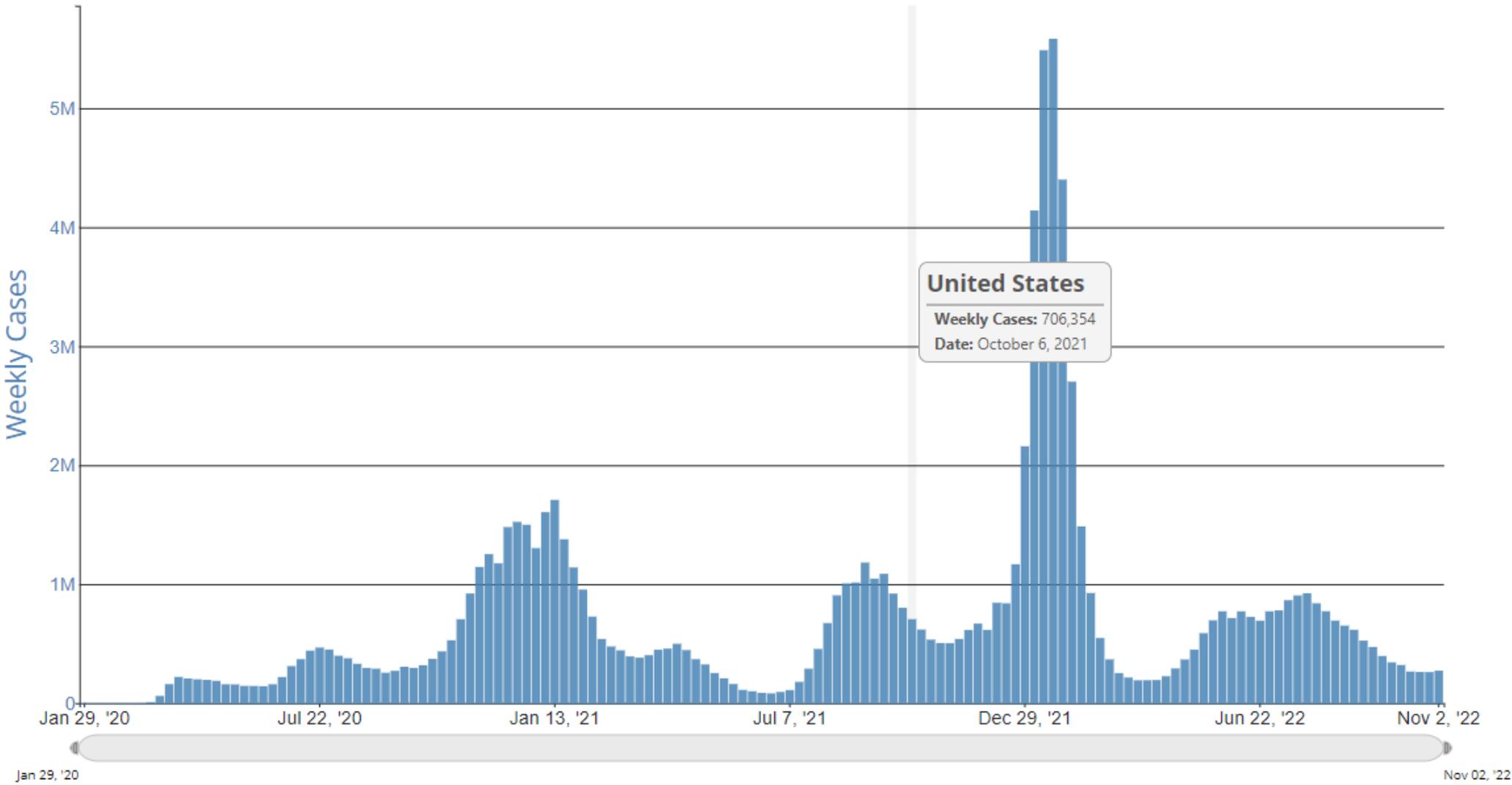
# COVID-19 Vaccine Safety

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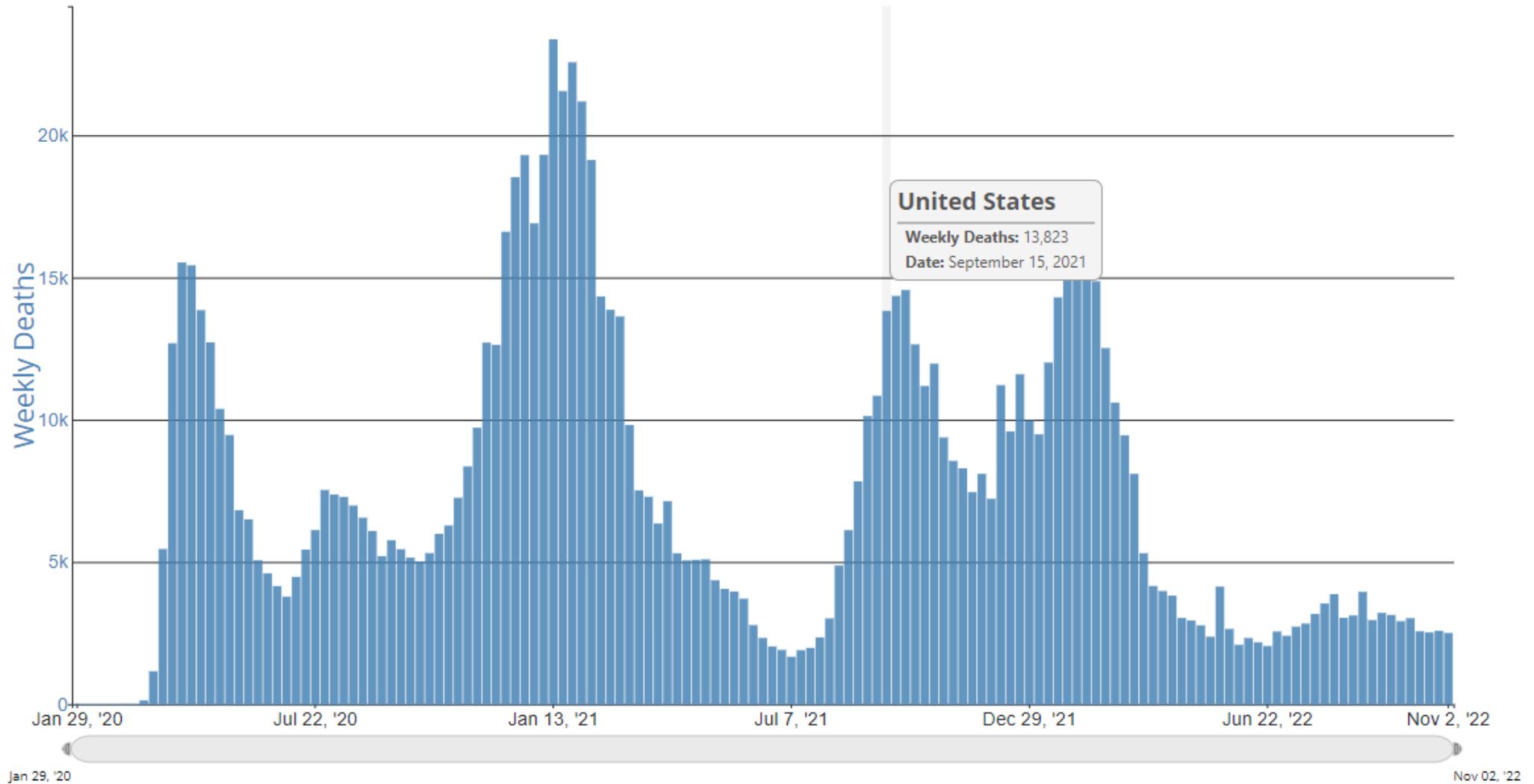
Why Vaccinate Against COVID-19?

Weekly Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in The United States Reported to CDC



CDC COVID data dashboard available at [CDC COVID Data Tracker: Daily and Total Trends](https://www.cdc.gov/covid/data-tracker/). Accessed 11-04-2022

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# Global impact of the first year of COVID-19 vaccinations: Mathematical model of transmission and infection based on official reported COVID-19 deaths, 185 countries, December 2020—December 2021

- COVID-19 vaccinations are estimated to have prevented **13.7-15.9** million deaths
- This represents an estimated **63% reduction in** total COVID deaths globally



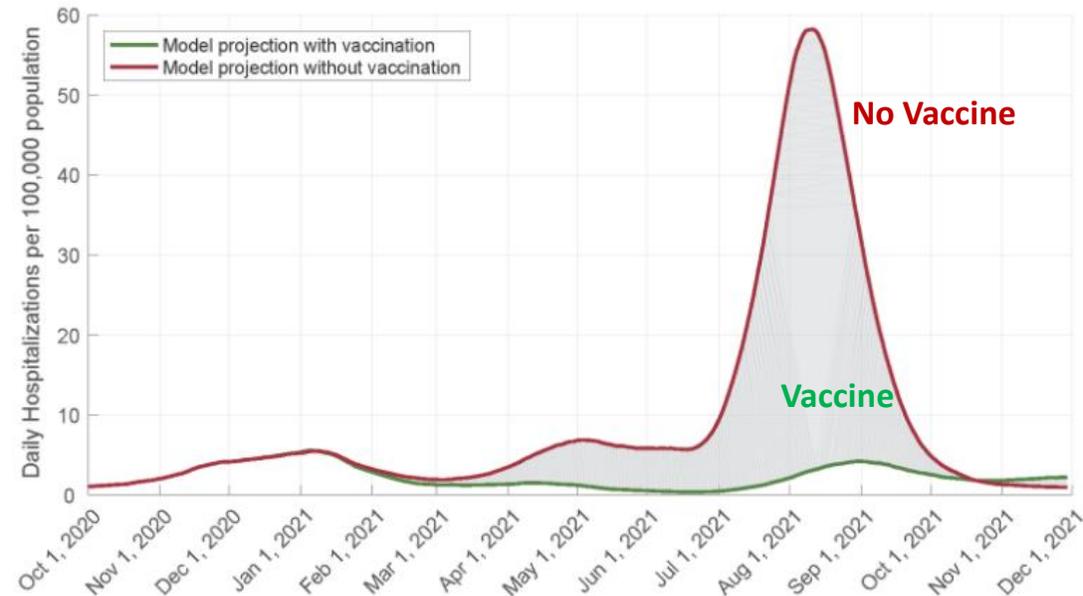
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# Impact of U.S. Vaccination Program

## The Commonwealth Fund Report: Improving Health Care Quality:

- Estimated U.S. vaccination program prevented more than 10.3 million additional COVID-19 cases
- 4.9 times higher than during 2021

Projected U.S. Seven-Day Rolling Average of Daily Hospitalizations per 100,000 Population With and Without Vaccination



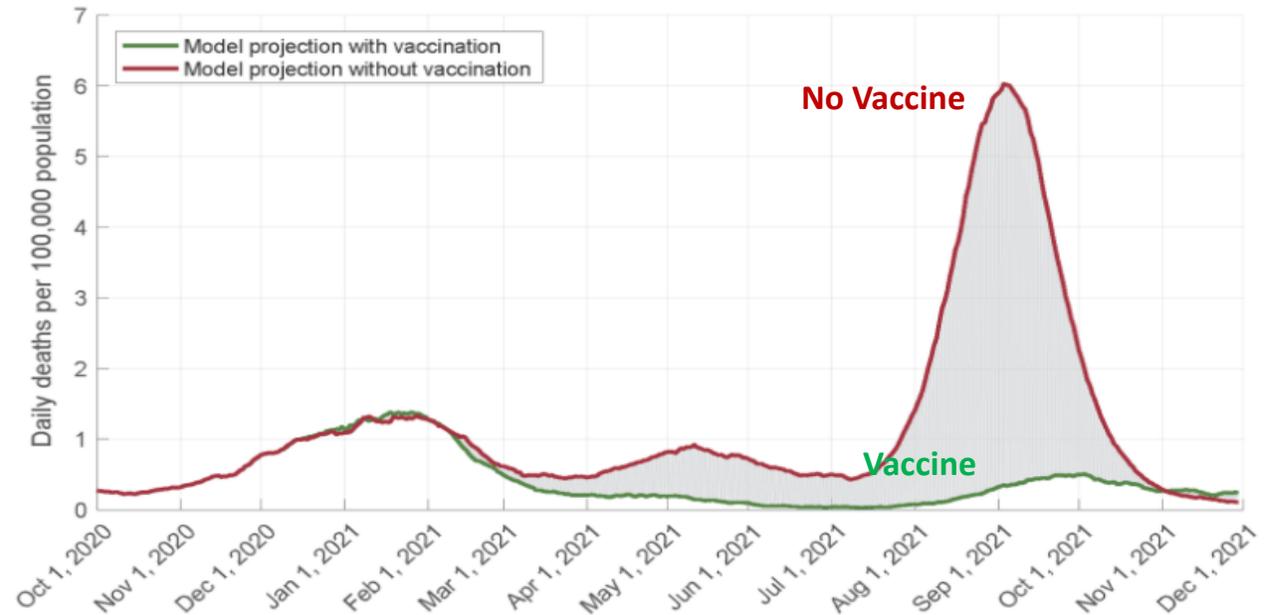
Source: Eric C. Schneider et al., *The U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Program at One Year: How Many Deaths and Hospitalizations Were Averted?* (Commonwealth Fund, December 2021). <https://doi.org/10.26099/3542-5n54>

# Impact of U.S. Vaccination Program

The Commonwealth Fund  
Report: Improving Health Care  
Quality:

- Estimated U.S. vaccination program prevented 1.1 million additional COVID-19 deaths by November 2021
- Without vaccinations, daily deaths could have:
  - Jumped as high as 21,00 per day
  - Nearly 5.2 times the level of record peak in January 2021
  - Overall been 3.2 times higher

Projected U.S. Seven-Day Rolling Average of Daily Deaths per 100,000 Population, With and Without Vaccination



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# Ongoing Impact of Vaccinations

The Commonwealth Fund Estimates of COVID-19 Attributable Deaths, Hospitalizations, Infections, and Health Care Costs Averted by the U.S. Vaccination Program December 12, 2020, and March 31, 2022

Deaths	2,265,222	2,051,041 to 2,467,683
Hospitalizations	17,003,960	15,680,556 to 18,250,413
Infections	66,159,093	58,774,953 to 73,787,291
Health care costs	\$899.4 billion	\$825.3 billion to \$978.5 billion

\* Credible intervals reflect the range of normal uncertainty associated with estimates.

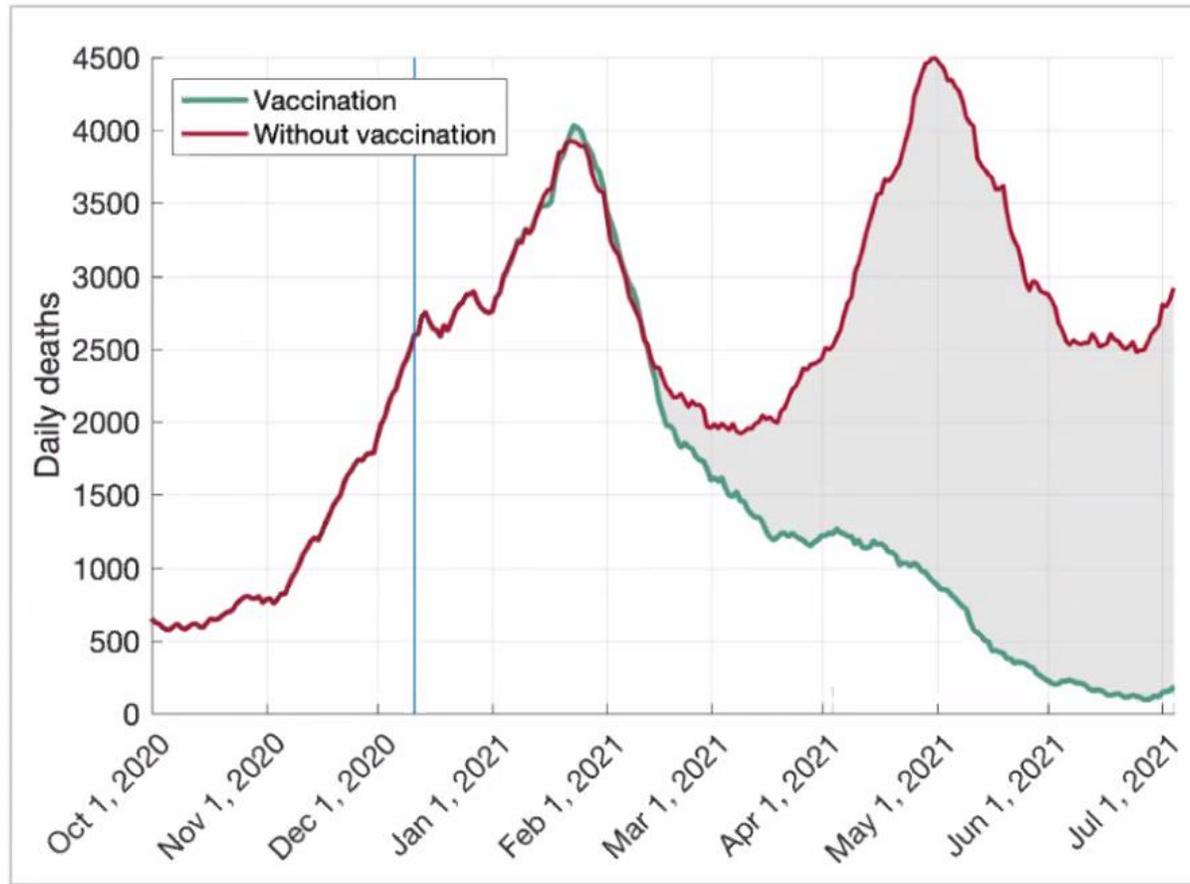
Data: Authors' analysis

Source: Eric C. Schneider et al., "Impact of U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts: An Update on Averted Deaths, Hospitalizations, and Health Care Costs Through March 2022," *To the Point* (blog), Commonwealth Fund, Apr. 8, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.26099/d3dm-fa91>

Source: [Impact COVID Vaccination Efforts: Update Through March 2022 | Commonwealth Fund](#)

# The rapid COVID-19 vaccination rollout and collective efforts of CDC and partners *saved many lives*

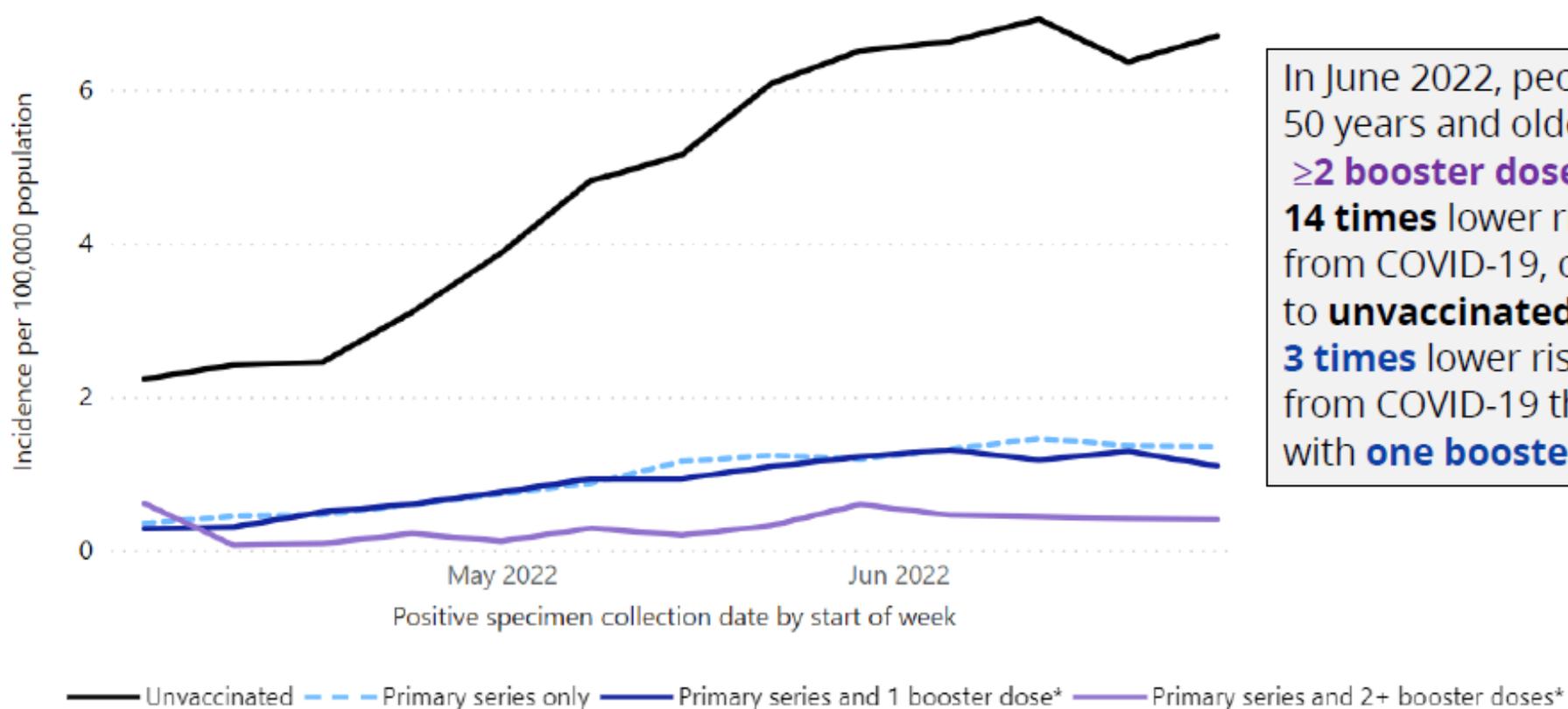
Estimated U.S. seven-day rolling average of daily deaths with and without vaccination



Data as of July 2021 suggest there had been **no COVID-19 vaccination program, daily deaths from COVID-19 would have created a second “2021 spring surge” — of nearly 4,500 deaths per day**—potentially larger than the first wave of the year, which peaked at 4,000 deaths per day in January 2021.



## Death Rates by Vaccination Status and Receipt of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Booster Doses Among People Ages ≥50 Years April 3–July 2, 2022 (25 U.S. Jurisdictions)



In June 2022, people ages 50 years and older with **≥2 booster doses** had **14 times** lower risk of dying from COVID-19, compared to **unvaccinated** people and **3 times** lower risk of dying from COVID-19 than people with **one booster dose**

\*Includes either a booster or additional dose.

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#rates-by-vaccinbooine-status>. Accessed August 24, 2022

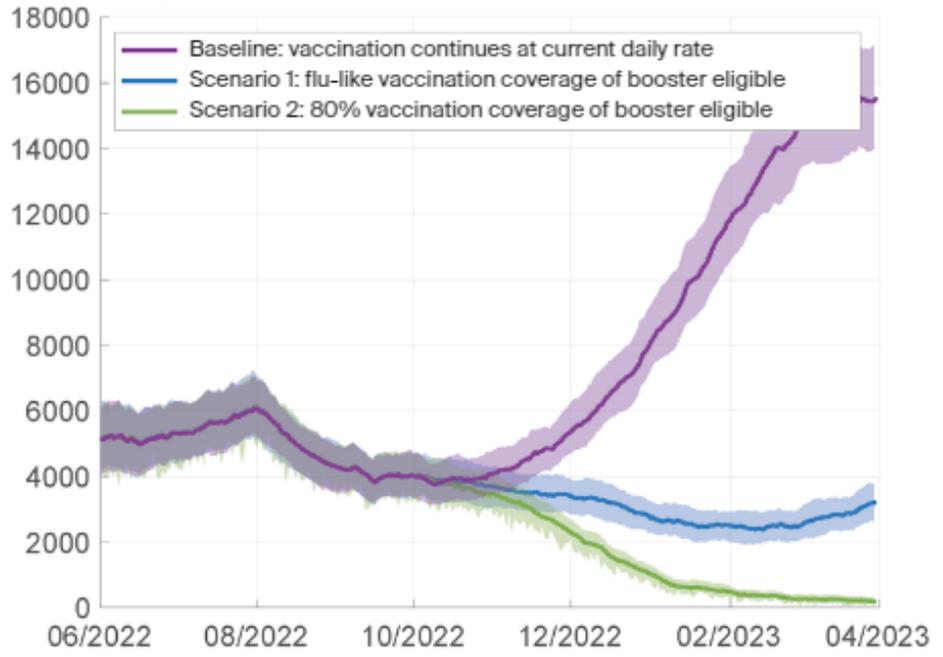
## Risk of Severe COVID-19 Illness

- Unvaccinated people at higher risk of severe illness compared with vaccinated people
- Most (75%) vaccinated people with severe COVID-19 illness have multiple risk factors:
  - Older age (most  $\geq 65$  years, but with risk increasing with age)
  - Underlying medical conditions (with risk increasing with number of underlying conditions)
    - › Immunosuppression
    - › Diabetes mellitus
    - › Chronic kidney disease
    - › Chronic lung disease
    - › Chronic cardiovascular disease
    - › Chronic neurologic disease
- Antiviral drugs can help reduce risk of severe illness in people at higher risk, regardless of vaccination status

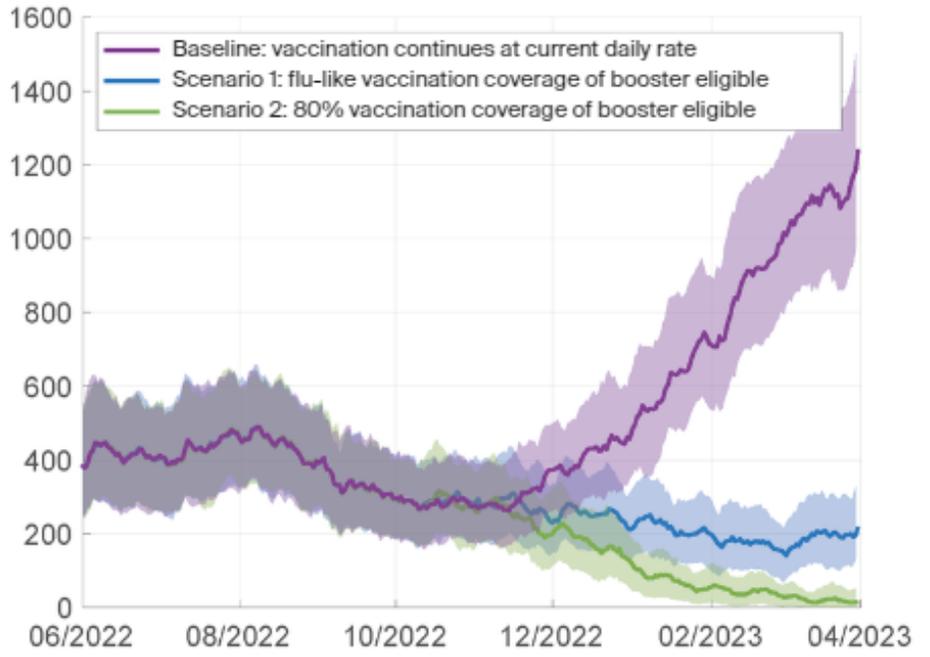
Yek et al. MMWR 2022;71:19–25. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7101a4.htm>; Taylor et al. MMWR 2022;71:466-473: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7112e2> and unpublished COVID-NET data, as described [here](#); Malden et al. MMWR 2022; 71(25);830-833: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7125e2.htm> ; Gold et al. MMWR 2022; 71(25);825-829: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7125e1.htm> ; Najjar-Debbiny et al. CID 2022; ciac443, <https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciac443>  
Dryden-Peterson et al. medRxiv 2022.06.14.22276393; <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.06.14.22276393>

# Projected Seven-Day Rolling Average of COVID-19 Hospitalizations and Deaths in the U.S., Under Different Booster Vaccination Coverage Scenarios

**Projected hospitalizations**



**Projected deaths**



Note: In the baseline scenario, vaccination rates are held constant at the average of the daily vaccination rate for August 2022 until the end of March 2023.  
 Data: Authors' analysis.

Source: Meagan C. Fitzpatrick et al., "A Fall COVID-19 Booster Campaign Could Save Thousands of Lives, Billions of Dollars," *To the Point* (blog), Commonwealth Fund, Oct. 5, 2022.  
<https://doi.org/10.26099/hy8p-mf92>

Source: The Commonwealth Fund available: [Fall COVID Booster Campaign Save Thousands Lives, Billions Dollars | Commonwealth Fund](#). Accessed 11-04-2022

# Vaccine Side Effects and Safety

# Vaccine Safety

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- COVID-19 vaccines were evaluated in tens of thousands of people during clinical trials
- Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are both fully licensed for adults
- Ongoing safety monitoring is done even with full licensing
- More than 636 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been given in the United States from December 14, 2020 through October 27, 2022
- All of the U.S. vaccines are also being used in other countries where additional testing and monitoring occurs

Source: [Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

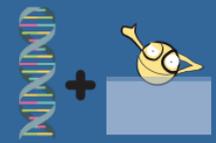
# Vaccine Side Effects

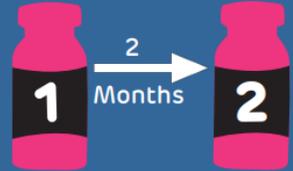
## ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE

### Types of Vaccines (in U.S.)

**mRNA**  
  
(Pfizer & Moderna)

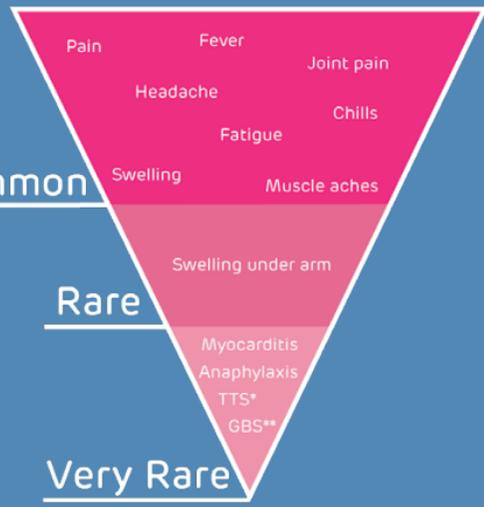
**Doses**  
1 → 21-28 Days → 2  
  
Most individuals are recommended to receive an additional dose.

**VECTOR VIRUS**  
  
(J&J/Janssen)

**Doses**  
1 → 2 Months → 2  


### Vaccine Side Effects

In most cases vaccine side effects last 1 to 2 days.



**Common**

- Pain
- Fever
- Joint pain
- Headache
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Swelling
- Muscle aches

**Rare**

- Swelling under arm

**Very Rare**

- Myocarditis
- Anaphylaxis
- TTS\*
- GBS\*\*

\*Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome  
\*\*Guillain-Barré syndrome

GO TO [VACCINE.CHOP.EDU](https://vaccine.chop.edu) FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Source: Vaccine Education Center at CHOP

# COVID-19 Vaccine Safety

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- More than 636 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine given.
- COVID-19 vaccines were evaluated on tens of thousands in clinical trials.
- COVID-19 vaccines met rigorous safety, effectiveness and quality standards set by the FDA.
- COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers continue to undergo intensive safety monitoring.



SOURCE: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/safety-of-vaccines.html>

# COVID-19 Vaccination Adverse Events

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The CDC provides updates on the following rare adverse events following administration of Covid-19 vaccinations:

- Anaphylaxis: 5 cases per one million vaccine doses administered
- Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) after Janssen Covid-19 vaccination: 4 cases per one million doses administered
- Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) after Janssen COVID-19 vaccine rare disorder

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/adverse-events.html>

# Myocarditis and Pericarditis After COVID-19 Vaccination

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- As of October 27, 2022, there have been 1,037 preliminary reports in VAERS among people younger than age 18 years under review for potential cases of myocarditis and pericarditis. Of these, 251 remain under review. Through confirmation of symptoms and diagnostics by provider interview or review of medical records, 690 reports have been verified to meet CDC's working case definition for myocarditis. See below for counts of verified reports of myocarditis by age group.
- 5-11 years: 22 verified reports of myocarditis after 21,680,729 doses administered
- 12-15 years: 358 verified reports of myocarditis after 24,500,294 doses administered
- 16-17 years: 310 verified reports of myocarditis after 13,445,905 doses administered

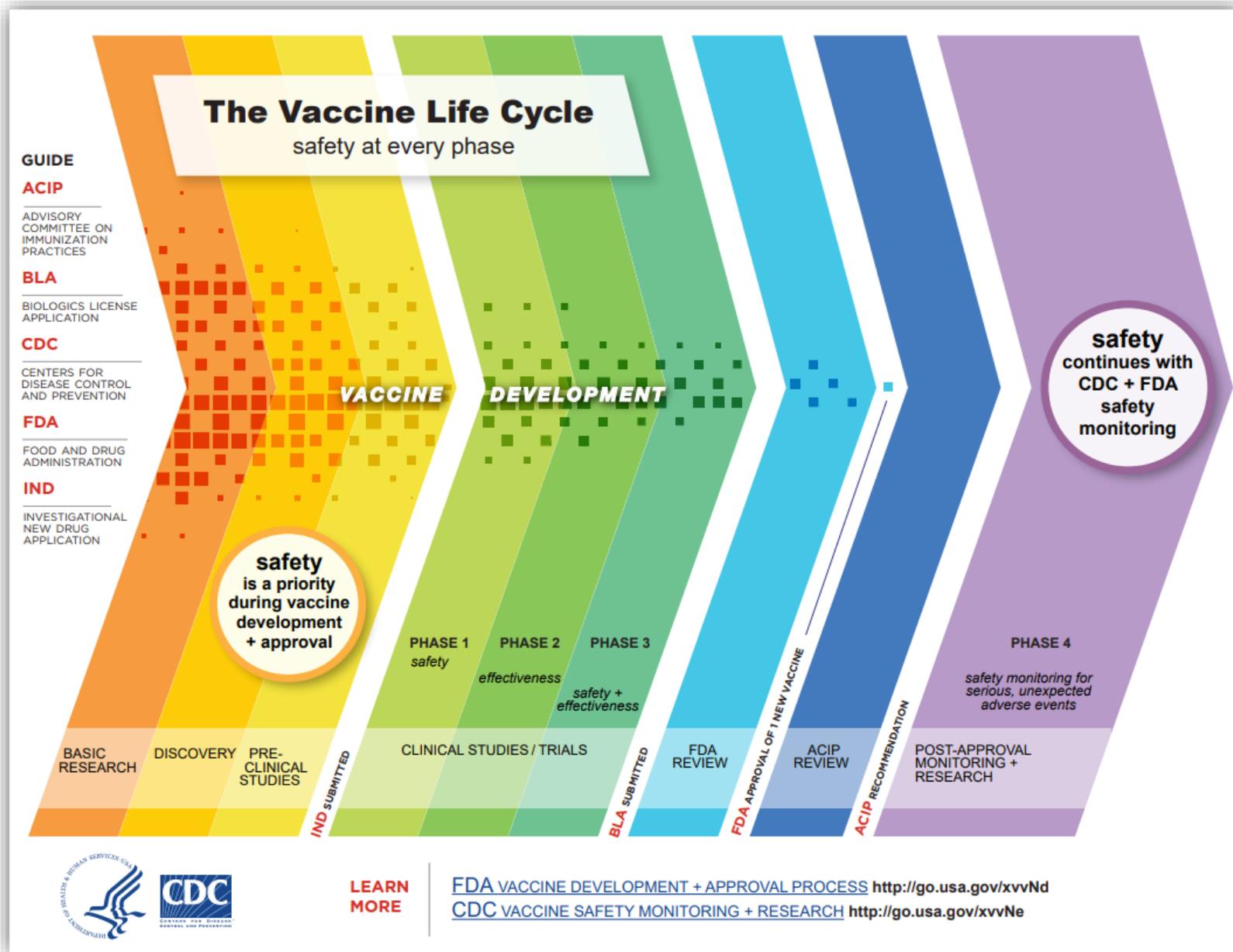
Source: [Selected Adverse Events Reported after COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#). Accessed 11-04-2022

# COVID-19 Vaccine Safety and Efficacy

## Myocarditis and COVID-19 vaccines

- Risk of **myocarditis/pericarditis** has been identified after COVID-19 vaccines
  - Risk is **rare** and primarily observed in adolescent and young adult males, within the first week after receiving the second dose or booster dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine
- Most individuals with myocarditis/pericarditis have **fully recovered** at follow-up<sup>1</sup>
- The risk of adverse cardiac outcomes were **1.8 – 5.6 times higher** after SARS-CoV-2 infection than after mRNA COVID-19 vaccination among males ages 12 – 17 years<sup>2</sup>
- Interval of **8 weeks** between vaccine doses may further lower myocarditis risk

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/downloads/slides-2022-10-19-20/05-COVID-Oliver-508.pdf>



# Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

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- 15 voting members responsible for making vaccine recommendations to CDC
- 14 of the members have expertise in vaccinology, immunology and other clinical practice areas
- The 15<sup>th</sup> member is a consumer representative who provides community and social aspects of vaccination
- There are also eight ex officio members who represent other federal agencies with responsibility for immunization programs in the U.S. and 30 non-voting representatives of liaison organizations such as:
  - American Academy of Pediatrics
  - American Academy of Family Physicians
  - American College of Nurse Midwives
  - American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
  - American College of Physicians
- Members and representatives serve on the Committee voluntarily
- Meetings are open to the public with a published agenda, slides and recording available

Source: [ACIP General Information | CDC](#)

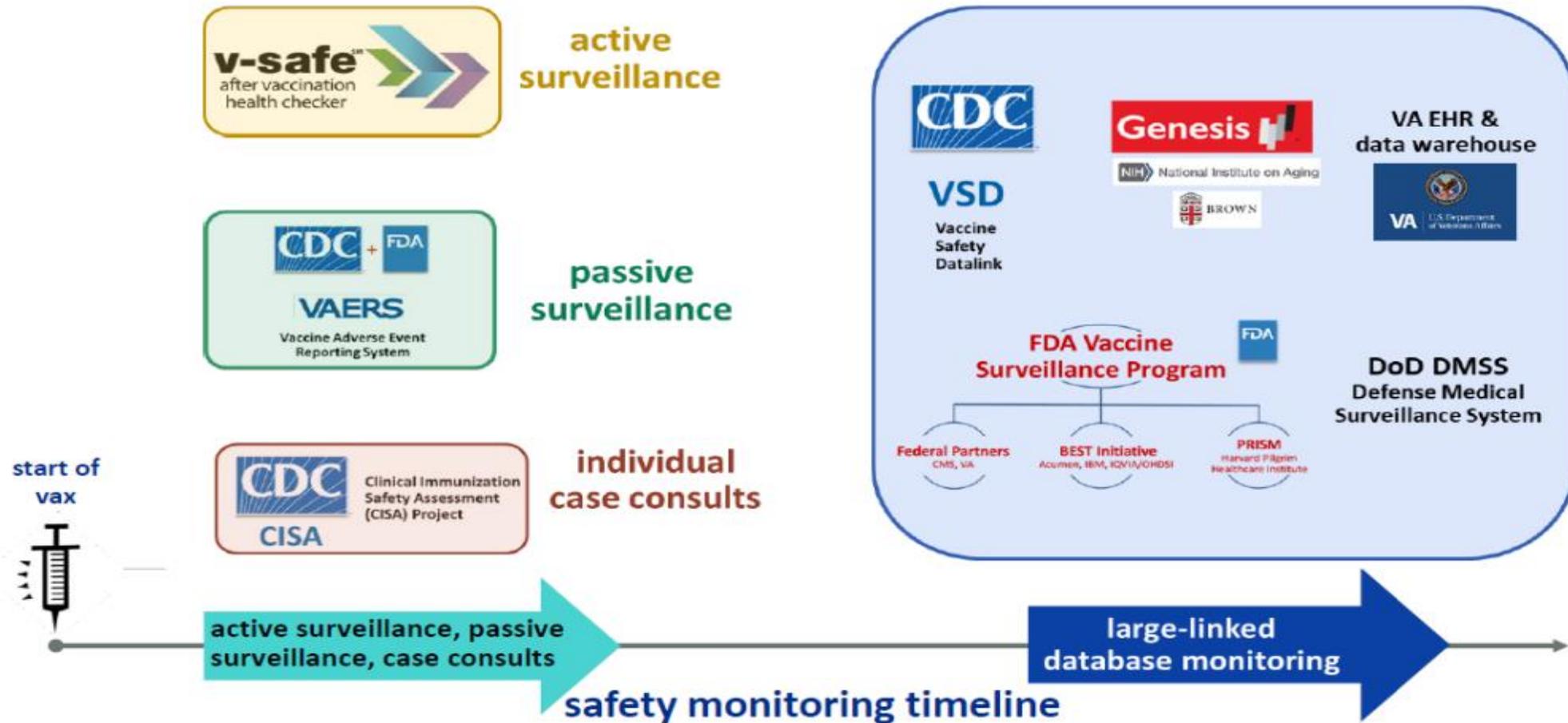
# Ongoing Monitoring by ACIP

## Post-authorization monitoring for COVID-19 vaccines

- Since authorization, **22** ACIP meetings focused on COVID-19 vaccines
  - COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness (VE) data presented at **11** ACIP meetings
  - COVID-19 vaccine safety data presented at **21** ACIP meetings
- CDC evaluates VE through multiple observational studies employing various methods and using information collected through different surveillance platforms, electronic health records, or prospective studies
- COVID-19 vaccines continue to undergo the most comprehensive and intense safety monitoring in U.S. history

Source: Dr. S Oliver presentation 10/19/2022 presentation to Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; available [COVID-19 vaccines in Children \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/advisory-committee/2022-10-19-2022-11-07-2022). Accessed 11/07/2022

# Vaccine Safety Monitoring Systems



Source: N. Klein MD Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices presentation; 04-20-2022 meeting. Available at [ACIP April 20, 2022 Presentation Slides | Immunization Practices | CDC](#)

# VAERS is the nation's early warning system for vaccine safety



## VAERS

### Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System

<http://vaers.hhs.gov>



# How reports come into VAERS

Reports come from:

- Patients
- Parents/family member
- Caregivers
- Those who administer vaccines
- Healthcare providers
- Vaccine manufacturers

There are 2 ways to submit a report to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)

Reporting adverse events to VAERS helps scientist at CDC and FDA keep vaccines safe.

**Option 1:** [Submit a VAERS Report online](#)   
(Preferred)

The online VAERS Report must be completed and submitted in the same session; it cannot be saved and edited at a later time. Note: sessions time out after 20 minutes of inactivity; no information is saved.

**Option 2:** [Download a Writable PDF Form and upload when ready](#) 

The Writable PDF Form can be downloaded and completed electronically on your own time. When ready, return to the VAERS Writable PDF web page (use link above) and follow **Step 2** instructions to upload the form.

More information on [reporting an adverse event to VAERS](#) . If you need further assistance, please email [info@VAERS.org](mailto:info@VAERS.org) or call 1-800-822-7967.



[SOURCE: www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/index.html#anchor\\_1616772696807](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/index.html#anchor_1616772696807)

# How VAERS Works

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- Assess the safety of newly licensed vaccines
- Detect new, unusual, or rare adverse events that happen after vaccination
- Monitor increases in known side effects, like arm soreness where a shot was given
- Identify potential patient risk factors for particular types of health problems related to vaccines
- Identify and address possible reporting clusters
- Recognize persistent safe-use problems and administration errors
- Watch for unexpected or unusual patterns in adverse event reports
- Serve as a monitoring system in public health emergencies

[SOURCE: www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/index.html#anchor\\_1616772696807](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/index.html#anchor_1616772696807)

# Legal Requirements

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1. Under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA), healthcare providers are **required by law** to report to VAERS:
  - Any adverse event listed in the [VAERS Table of Reportable Events Following Vaccination \[PDF – 5 Pages\]](#) that occurs within the specified time period after vaccinations
  - An adverse event listed by the vaccine manufacturer as a contraindication to further doses of the vaccine
2. Vaccine manufacturers are required to report to VAERS all adverse events that come to their attention.

SOURCE: [https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/index.html#anchor\\_1616772696807](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuringsafety/monitoring/vaers/index.html#anchor_1616772696807)

## Reporting of vaccine adverse events

- Adverse events in COVID-19 vaccine recipients are required to be reported to VAERS.\*
- FDA's COVID-19 vaccine EUAs and EUA/BLA require vaccination providers to report
  - Vaccine administration errors
  - Serious adverse events
  - Cases of multisystem inflammatory syndrome
  - Cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death

Reporting is encouraged for all other clinically significant adverse events, even those not clearly attributable to vaccination.

\*Instructions for submitting a report to VAERS is available at <https://vaers.hhs.govexternal> or by calling 1-800-822-7967.

# Filing a Report With No Adverse Reaction Noted

Reports should be filed for all errors

- Site/Route
- Age
- Formulation and Dosage
- Storage and Handling
- Intervals
- Mixed primary series
- Diluent

# Checklist of Items Needed

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## **What will I need to fill out the report?**

- Patient information (age, date of birth, sex)
- Vaccine information (brand name, dosage)
- Date, time, and location administered
- Date and time when adverse event(s) started
- Symptoms and outcome of the adverse event(s) (if applicable)
- Medical tests and laboratory results (if applicable)
- Physician's contact information (if applicable)

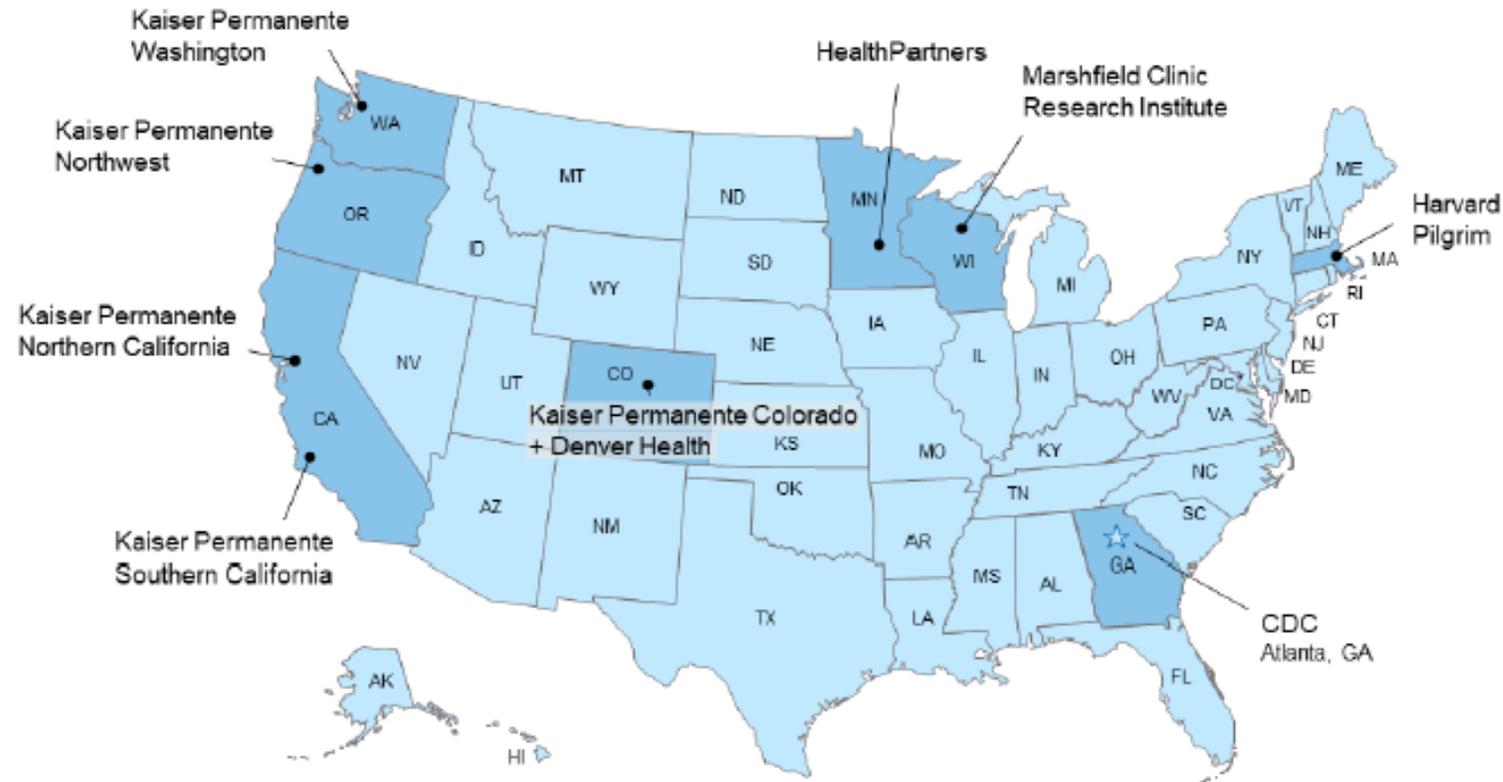
# Essential Items to fill out on VAERS Form

 <b>Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System</b> <a href="http://www.vaers.hhs.gov">www.vaers.hhs.gov</a>		Adverse events are possible reactions or problems that occur during or after vaccination. Items <b>2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18</b> and <b>21</b> are <b>ESSENTIAL</b> and should be completed. Patient identity is kept confidential. Instructions are provided on the last two pages.	
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT THE PATIENT WHO RECEIVED THE VACCINE (Use Continuation Page if needed)</b>			
1. Patient name: (first) _____ (last) _____ Street address: _____ City: _____ State: <input type="text"/> County: _____ ZIP code: _____ Phone: ( _____ ) _____ Email: _____		9. Prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, dietary supplements, or herbal remedies being taken at the time of vaccination: _____	
2. Date of birth: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ 		3. Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
4. Date and time of vaccination: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____  Time: hh:mm _____ <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM		10. Allergies to medications, food, or other products: _____	
5. Date and time adverse event started: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____  Time: hh:mm _____ <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM		11. Other illnesses at the time of vaccination and up to one month prior: _____	
6. Age at vaccination: ____ Years ____ Months		7. Today's date: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ 	
8. Pregnant at time of vaccination?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown (If yes, describe the event, any pregnancy complications, and estimated due date if known in item 18)		12. Chronic or long-standing health conditions: _____	

# Essential Items to fill out on VAERS Form

WHICH VACCINES WERE GIVEN? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PATIENT?					
<b>17.</b> Enter all vaccines given on the date listed in item 4: (Route is HOW vaccine was given, Body site is WHERE vaccine was given)				Use <b>Continuation Page</b> if needed	Dose number in series
Vaccine (type and brand name)	Manufacturer	Lot number	Route	Body site	Dose number in series
select		▼	select	select	select
select		▼	select	select	select
select		▼	select	select	select
select		▼	select	select	select
<b>18.</b> Describe the adverse event(s), treatment, and outcome(s), if any: (symptoms, signs, time course, etc.)			<b>21.</b> Result or outcome of adverse event(s): (Check all that apply)		
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 100px;"></div> <p style="text-align: right;">Use <b>Continuation Page</b> if needed</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> Doctor or other healthcare professional office/clinic visit		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency room/department or urgent care		
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 100px;"></div> <p style="text-align: right;">Use <b>Continuation Page</b> if needed</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitalization: Number of days (if known) <input type="text"/>		
			Hospital name: <input type="text"/> City: <input type="text"/> State: <input type="text"/>		
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 100px;"></div> <p style="text-align: right;">Use <b>Continuation Page</b> if needed</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> Prolongation of existing hospitalization (vaccine received during existing hospitalization)		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Life threatening illness (immediate risk of death from the event)		
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 100px;"></div> <p style="text-align: right;">Use <b>Continuation Page</b> if needed</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> Disability or permanent damage		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Patient died – Date of death: (mm/dd/yyyy) <input type="text"/>		
<b>19.</b> Medical tests and laboratory results related to the adverse event(s): (include dates)			<input type="checkbox"/> Congenital anomaly or birth defect		
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 100px;"></div> <p style="text-align: right;">Use <b>Continuation Page</b> if needed</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above		
<b>20.</b> Has the patient recovered from the adverse event(s)?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown					

# Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD)



- Established in 1990
- Collaborative project between CDC and 9 integrated healthcare organizations
- Includes ~ 12 million individuals across all sites

Source: N. Klein MD Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices presentation; 04-20-2022 meeting. Available at [ACIP April 20, 2022 Presentation Slides | Immunization Practices | CDC](#)

## VSD signals for pre-specified outcomes in 21-day risk interval after 1<sup>st</sup> booster in people ages 12 years and older

Results through  
Aug 13, 2022

\* Analyses not yet  
possible

Primary series with	Pfizer-Pfizer OR Moderna-Moderna	Pfizer-Pfizer	Moderna-Moderna
Signal after 1 <sup>st</sup> booster	Pfizer OR Moderna	Pfizer	Moderna
VSD RCA pre-specified outcomes		Signal?	
Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis	No	No	_*
Acute myocardial infarction	No	No	No
Appendicitis	No	No	No
Bell's palsy	No	No	No
Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis	No	No	No
Disseminated intravascular coagulation	No	No	No
Encephalitis / myelitis / encephalomyelitis	No	No	No
Guillain-Barre syndrome	No	No	No
Stroke, hemorrhagic	No	No	No
Stroke, ischemic	No	No	No
Immune thrombocytopenia	No	No	No
<b>Myocarditis / pericarditis</b>	<b>Yes</b>	No	No
Seizures	No	No	No
Transverse myelitis	No	No	No
Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura	No	No	No
Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome	No	No	No
Venous thromboembolism	No	No	No
Pulmonary embolism	No	No	No

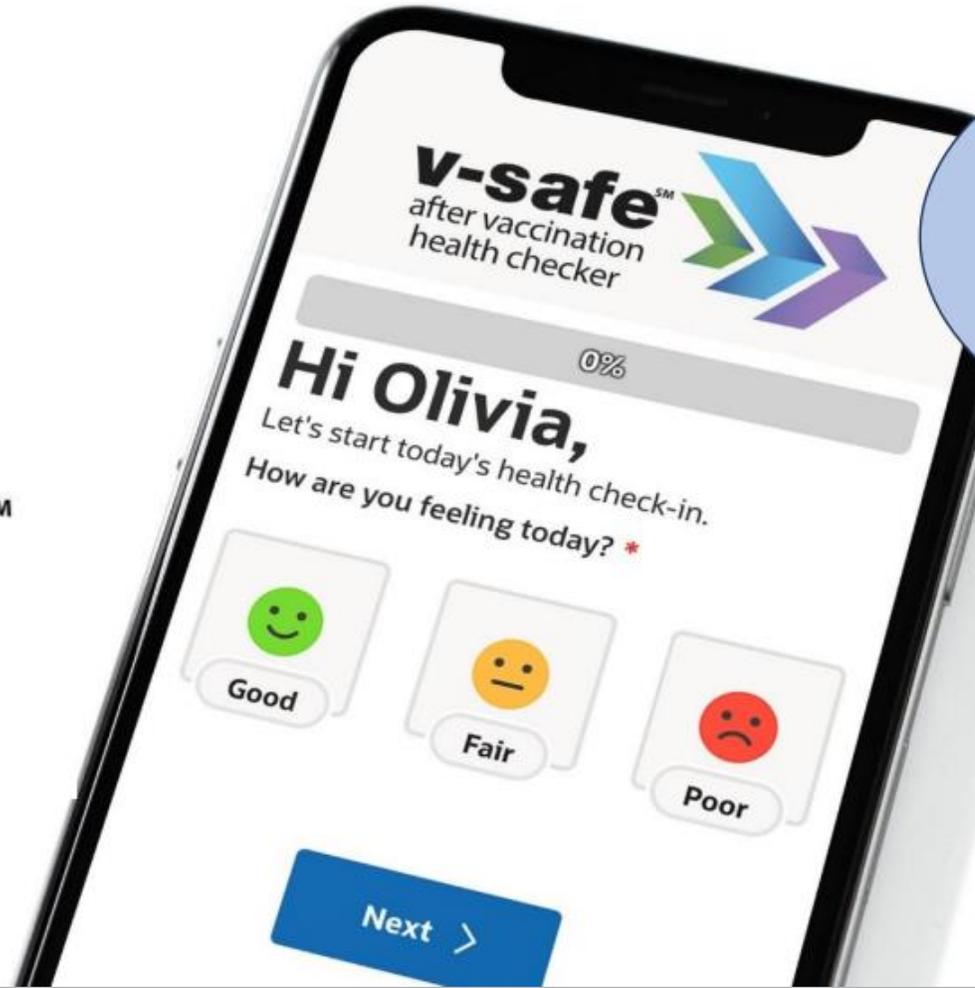
**VSD**  
vaccine safety datalink

Source: T. Shimabukuro Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices presentation; 09-01-2022 meeting. Available at [ACIP September 1-2, 2022 Presentation Slides | Immunization Practices | CDC](#)

# Smartphone-based active safety monitoring



<https://vsafe.cdc.gov>



Enroll yourself or your dependent after any dose!

Source: T Shimabukuro, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices presentation; 04-20-2022 meeting. Available at [ACIP April 20, 2022 Presentation Slides | Immunization Practices | CDC](#)

# Resources

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- [How to access data from CDC's VAERS WONDER System](#)
- [VAERS brochure \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\) About \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [Reporting Adverse Events to VAERS | Vaccine Safety | CDC](#)
- [Fall COVID Booster Campaign Save Thousands Lives, Billions Dollars | Commonwealth Fund](#)

# COVID-19 Bivalent Booster Schedule and Addressing Errors

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# Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule Review

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# Who Should Get COVID-19 Vaccination?

- COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for everyone ages 6 months and older in the United States for the prevention of COVID-19.
- People can stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccination by completing a primary series and receiving the most recent booster dose recommended for them by CDC

**COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card**

Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received.  
Por favor, guarde esta tarjeta de registro, que incluye información médica sobre las vacunas que ha recibido.

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Last Name First Name MI

**16 May 1975**  
Date of birth Patient number (medical record or IIS record number)

Vaccine	Product Name/Manufacturer Lot Number	Date	Healthcare Professional or Clinic Site
1 <sup>st</sup> Dose COVID-19	Moderna (Red/ 0.5mL) Lot# 1234CAA	05 / 25 / 21 mm dd yy	Kent's Family Practice
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose COVID-19	Moderna (Red/ 0.5mL) Lot# 1234CAA	06 / 25 / 21 mm dd yy	Kent's Family Practice
Other	Moderna (Red/0.25mL) Lot# 1234CAA	11 / 25 / 21 mm dd yy	Peter's Pharmacy #654
Other	Moderna Biv. (Blue/0.5mL) Lot# 1234CAA	10 / 10 / 22 mm dd yy	Thor's Pharmacy #123

SOURCE: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#covid-vaccines>

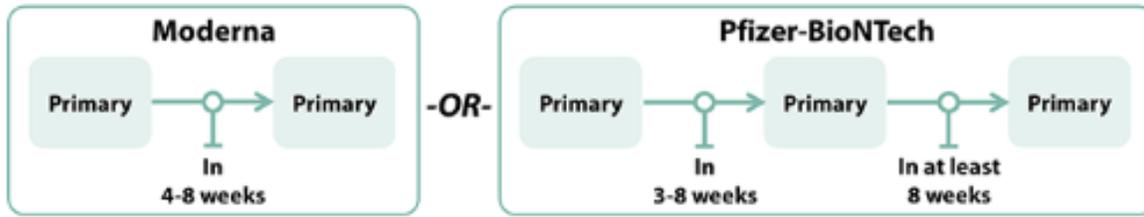
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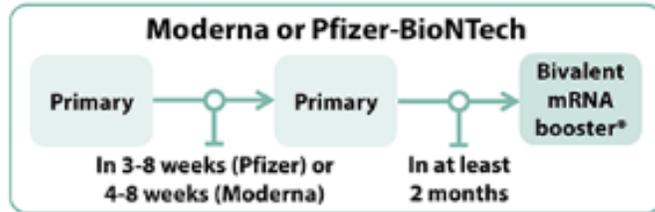
- People ages 5 years and older are recommended to receive 1 bivalent mRNA booster dose after completion of any FDA-approved or FDA-authorized monovalent primary series or previously received monovalent booster dose(s).
- A monovalent Novavax booster dose (instead of a bivalent mRNA booster dose)
  - ✓ Limited Situations
  - ✓ 18 years and older
  - ✓ Have not received any other booster dose
  - ✓ Unable to receive mRNA vaccine

**NO MONOVALENT mRNA BOOSTER DOSES AUTHORIZED.**

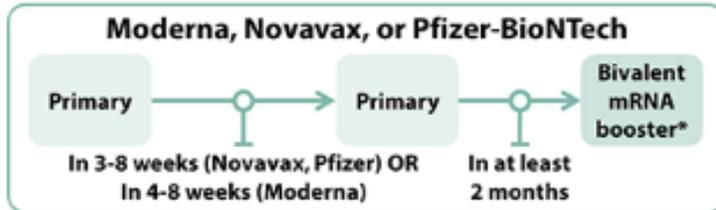
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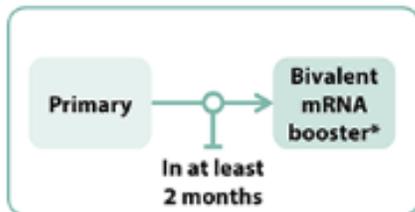
## People ages 5 through 11 years



## People ages 12 years and older



## People ages 18 years and older who previously received Janssen primary series dose<sup>†</sup>

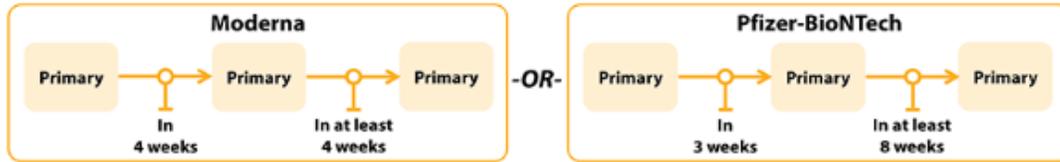


**COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule  
Infographic for People who are NOT  
Moderately or Severely  
Immunocompromised**

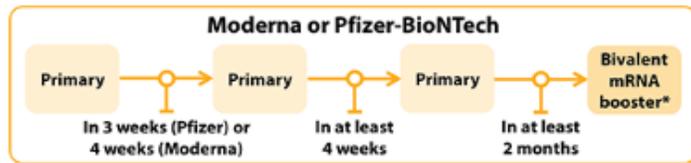
SOURCE: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/images/COVID19-vaccination-schedule-most-people.png>

# COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule Infographic for People who are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

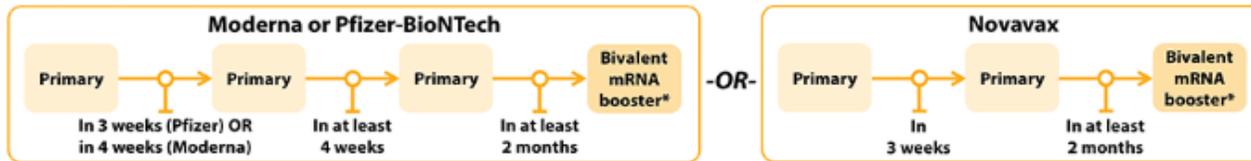
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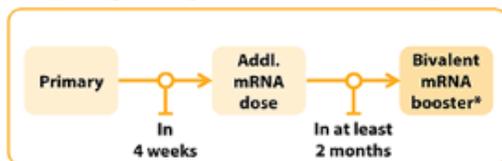
## People ages 5 through 11 years



## People ages 12 years and older

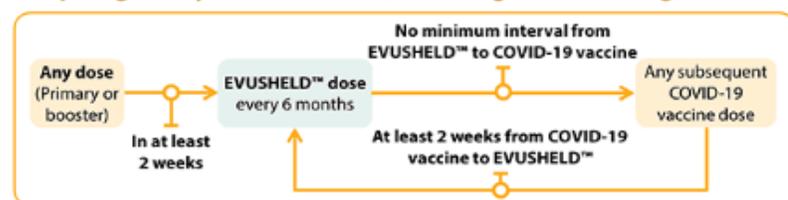


## People ages 18 years and older who previously received Janssen primary series dose<sup>†</sup>



## Monoclonal antibodies (EVUSHELD™) for COVID-19 pre-exposure prophylaxis

### People ages 12 years and older (must weigh at least 40kg)



\*Administer an age-appropriate mRNA bivalent booster (i.e., Pfizer-BioNTech for people age 5 years and either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna for people ages 6 years and older). For people who previously received a monovalent booster dose(s), the bivalent booster dose is administered at least 2 months after the last monovalent booster dose.

<sup>†</sup>Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine should only be used in certain limited situations. See: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us-appendix.html#appendix-a>

**COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule Infographic for People who are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised**

SOURCE: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/images/COVID19-vaccination-schedule-immunocompromised.png>

## For All Vaccination Errors

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- Inform the recipient of the vaccine administration error.
- Consult with the state immunization program.
- Follow the revaccination guidance.
- Report all COVID-19 vaccine administration errors—even those not associated with an adverse reaction—to VAERS (<https://vaers.hhs.gov/>).
- Determine how the error occurred and implement strategies to prevent it from happening again.

# Errors and Deviations

**Table D. Interim recommendations for COVID-19 vaccine administration errors and deviations**

Type	Administration error/deviation	Interim recommendation
Site/route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorrect site (i.e., site other than the deltoid muscle or vastus lateralis muscle)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not repeat dose.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorrect route (e.g., subcutaneous)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not repeat dose.</li> <li>Inform the recipient of the potential for local and systemic adverse events.</li> </ul>
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unauthorized age group (recipients younger than age 6 months)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not give another dose at this time.*</li> </ul>
Product and dosage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher-than-authorized dose administered (e.g., incorrect dose volume, incorrect product resulting in higher-than-authorized dose)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not repeat dose.<sup>††</sup></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower-than-authorized dose administered (e.g., leaked out of the syringe, equipment failure, recipient pulled away, incorrect product resulting in lower-than-authorized dose)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repeat dose immediately (no minimum interval).<sup>§§</sup></li> <li>However, if a half-volume dose of vaccine is administered to a patient recommended for the full volume, another half-volume dose can be administered on the same clinic day, and the 2 doses can count as 1 full dose.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bivalent vaccine incorrectly administered for the primary series</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine: Do not repeat dose.</li> <li>Bivalent Moderna vaccine: Repeat 1 monovalent dose immediately (no minimum interval)<sup>§§</sup> because administration of the booster dose will result in a lower-than-authorized dose.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monovalent vaccine incorrectly administered for a booster dose (if bivalent booster indicated)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In general, do not repeat dose.</li> <li>However, providers may administer 1 bivalent booster dose as a repeat dose based on clinical judgement and patient preference. In this case, space the repeat dose after the dose given in error by at least 2 months.</li> </ul>

SOURCE:<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us-appendix.html#appendix-d>

# Case Study

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Cali is a 22 y/o immunocompromised person who has received 2 doses of Pfizer COVID-19 monovalent vaccine. She is in the clinic to receive her next dose, it has been 2 months since her last dose. She receives one dose of Bivalent Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. What should happen next?

- a. Nothing, she is now up-to-date with her COVID-19 vaccinations
- b. She should receive a monovalent COVID-19 vaccine dose immediately.
- c. She needs to be told of error, given the correct vaccine, and it needs to be reported to VAERS.
- d. She needs to be told of the error, no further vaccine dose is recommended at this time, and the error needs to be reported in VAERS

# Case Study Answer

ANSWER D: She needs to be told of the error, no further vaccine dose is recommended at this time, and the error needs to be reported in VAERS.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Bivalent vaccine incorrectly administered for the primary series</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine: Do not repeat dose.</li><li>▪ Bivalent Moderna vaccine: Repeat 1 monovalent dose immediately (no minimum interval)<sup>8</sup> because administration of the booster dose will result in a lower-than-authorized dose.</li></ul>
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# Special Situations for COVID-19 Vaccination in Children

## Special Situations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Children and Adolescents Age Transitions and Interchangeability



**Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Children who Transition from a Younger Age Group to an Older Age Group**  
CDC recommends vaccine recipients receive the recommended age-appropriate dose on the day of vaccination.

- If a person moves from a younger age group to an older age group during the course of the booster dose(s), they should receive the vaccine product and dosage for the older age group.
- FDA emergency use authorization (EUA) allows for different dosing for certain administration errors and do not need to be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).

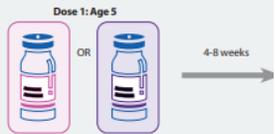
### Children who turn from age 5 to age 6 years

**Recommended:** Children who started a primary series and turned 6 years old should receive:



**Acceptable:** If the following dosing occurs, it is NOT considered an error and the primary series should be considered complete:

- 0.25 mL (25 mcg) of the product authorized for children ages 6 months–5 years (dark blue cap/magenta label border)
- 0.50 mL (50 mcg) of the product authorized for children ages 6–11 years (orange cap and label border)



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## Special Situations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Children and Adolescents Age Transitions and Interchangeability



**Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Children who Transition from a Younger Age Group to an Older Age Group**

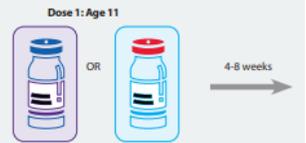
### Children who turn from age 11 years to 12 years

**Recommended:** Children who started a primary series and turned 12 years old should receive:



**Acceptable:** If the following dosing occurs, it is NOT considered an error and the primary series should be considered complete:

- 0.50 mL (50 mcg) of the product authorized for children ages 6–11 years (orange cap and label border)
- OR
- 0.50 mL (100 mcg) of the product authorized for children ages 12–17 years (gray cap and label border)



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## Special Situations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Children and Adolescents Age Transitions and Interchangeability



**Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Children who Transition from a Younger Age Group to an Older Age Group**  
CDC recommends vaccine recipients receive the recommended age-appropriate dose on the day of vaccination.

- If a person moves from a younger age group to an older age group during the course of the booster dose(s), they should receive the vaccine product and dosage for the older age group.
- FDA emergency use authorization (EUA) allows for different dosing for certain administration errors and do not need to be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).

### Children who turn from age 4 to age 5 years

**Recommended:** Children who started a primary series and turned 5 years old in the primary series should receive:

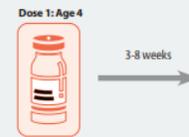


**Recommended:** Children who started a primary series and turned 5 years old in the primary series should receive:



**Acceptable:** If the following dosing occurs, it is NOT considered an error and the primary series should be considered complete:

- A 2-dose primary series using the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine product authorized for children ages 6 months–4 years (maroon cap and label border)



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## Special Situations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Children and Adolescents Age Transitions and Interchangeability



**Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Children who Transition from a Younger Age Group to an Older Age Group**

- A 3-dose primary series initiated with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine product authorized for children ages 6 months–4 years (maroon cap and label border). Each of doses 2 and 3 may be with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine product authorized for children ages 5–11 years (orange cap and label border).



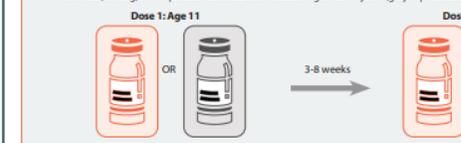
### Children who turn from age 11 years to 12 years

**Recommended:** Children who started a primary series and turned 12 years old in the primary series should receive:



**Acceptable:** If the following dosing occurs, it is NOT considered an error and the primary series should be considered complete:

- 0.20 mL (10 mcg) of the product authorized for children ages 5–11 years (orange cap and label border)
- 0.30 mL (30 mcg) of the product authorized for children ages 12–17 years (gray cap and label border)



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## Special Situations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Children and Adolescents Age Transitions and Interchangeability



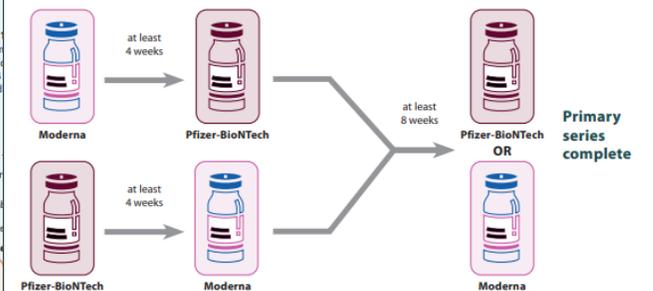
### Interchangeability of Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines

COVID-19 vaccine from the same manufacturer should be used for the primary series. If a different manufacturer is administered, follow the guidance below:

- If a dose of the age-appropriate product from BOTH Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 is given, count both doses if the recommended interval between doses has been met.
  - All eligible children, including those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.
  - Vaccines from both manufacturers, regardless of which vaccine was given first.
- If ages 6 months through 4 years, complete the series following the Pfizer-BioNTech 3-dose schedule using an age-appropriate vaccine from either manufacturer. See examples.
- Repeating doses is not recommended.

Examples:

**Vaccination history:** 1 dose of Pfizer-BioNTech and 1 dose of Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.



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# Case Study Child

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June is a 4 y/o child that just received their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine Pfizer 5-11 formulation. After giving the vaccine, the vaccinator noticed June had received Pfizer 6mo-4 years old formulation for their first dose of their COVID-19 series. What is the next step in providing the recommended care according to the CDC?

- a. June has completed her COVID-19 primary series. No further doses needed at this time.
- b. Parents should be made aware she received Pfizer COVID-19 5-11 years old formulation and then schedule their 3<sup>rd</sup> dose in 8 weeks.
- c. Parents should be made aware she received Pfizer COVID-19 5-11 years old formulation and immediately revaccinate with Pfizer COVID-19 6mos-4 years old formulation. Once revaccinated, report in VAERS.

# Case Study Child Answer

ANSWER B: Parents should be made aware she received Pfizer COVID-19 5-11 years old and then schedule their 3<sup>rd</sup> dose in 8 weeks.

**Special Situations for COVID-19 Vaccination of Children and Adolescents**  
Age Transitions and Interchangeability

**Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Children who Transition from a Younger to Older Age Group**

CDC recommends vaccine recipients receive the recommended age-appropriate vaccine product and dosage **based on their age on the day of vaccination**.

- If a person moves from a younger age group to an older age group during the primary series, they should receive the vaccine product and dosage for the older age group for all subsequent doses.
- FDA emergency use authorization (EUA) allows for different dosing for certain age transitions, which are not considered vaccine administration errors and do not need to be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).

**Children who turn from age 4 to age 5 years**

**Recommended:** Children who started a primary series and turned from age 4 to age 5 years between dose 1 and dose 2 in the primary series should receive:

**Dose 1 (Age 4):** 0.20 mL (3 mcg) of the product authorized for children ages 6 months–4 years (maroon cap and label border)

3-8 weeks

Child turns 5

**Dose 2 (Age 5):** 0.20 mL (10 mcg) of the product authorized for children ages 5–11 years (orange cap and label border)

8 weeks

**Dose 3 (Age 5):** 0.20 mL (10 mcg) of the product authorized for children ages 5–11 years (orange cap and label border)

- ❖ FDA emergency use authorization (EUA) allows for different dosing for certain age transitions, which are not considered vaccine administration errors and do not need to be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).

# Obtaining Nursing Continuing Education Contact Hours

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- Continuing education (CE) contact hours are available for nurses and pharmacists/pharmacy techs
  - There is no cost for CEs
- Expiration date is 02/08/23
- Successful completion of this continuing education activity includes the following:
  - Attending the entire live webinar or watching the webinar recording
  - Completing the evaluation available after the webinar or webinar recording
- **Please note:** CE certificates are NOT generated after evaluation completion—CE certificates will be sent by DOH via email within a few weeks after evaluation completion
- If you have any questions about CE credit, contact Trang Kuss at [trang.kuss@doh.wa.gov](mailto:trang.kuss@doh.wa.gov)

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